## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.	)
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RESOURCES FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
vs.	) 05-CV-0329 GKF-SAJ
	)
TYSON FOODS, INC., TYSON POULTRY, INC.,	)
TYSON CHICKEN, INC., COBB-VANTRESS, INC.,	)
CAL-MAINE FOODS, INC., CAL-MAINE FARMS,	)
INC., CARGILL, INC., CARGILL TURKEY	)
PRODUCTION, LLC, GEORGE'S, INC.,	)
GEORGE'S FARMS, INC., PETERSON FARMS,	)
INC., SIMMONS FOODS, INC., and WILLOW	)
BROOK FOODS, INC.,	)
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Defendants.	)

# SECOND OPPOSED JOINT MOTION TO EXPAND THE TIME TO RESPOND TO THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA'S MOTION TO EXPAND THE DISCOVERY PERIOD (DKT #1418) AND INTEGRATED BRIEF IN SUPPORT

COME NOW, the Defendants' Peterson Farms, Inc., Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Poultry, Inc., Tyson Chicken, Inc., Cobb-Vantress, Inc., Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Cal-Maine Farms, Inc., Cargill, Inc., Cargill Turkey Production, LLC, George's Inc., George's Farms, Inc., Simmons Food, Inc., and Willow Brook Foods, Inc. (collectively "Defendants"), pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 7(b) and Local Civil Rule 7.2(g), and respectfully request that the Court issue an Order extending the response time until March 21, 2008, the time in which Defendants may respond to Plaintiff's Motion to Expand the Discovery Period, which sought to expand the temporal limitation on discovery imposed by the Court.

- 1. Defendants are presently required to file responsive pleadings to the State of Oklahoma's Motion to Expand the Discovery Period [Dkt. #1418].
  - 2. To foster coordination and efficiency among all parties, Defendants request that the deadline for Defendants to respond to the State of Oklahoma's Motion to Expand the Discovery Period be set for March 21, 2008.
  - 3. This is the second request for extension made by the Defendants as to this Motion. On January 7, 2008, the Defendants filed their Opposed Joint Motion and Integrated Brief in Support Thereof to Expand the Time to Respond to State of Oklahoma's Motion to Expand the Discovery Period (Dkt. #1418) [Dkt. #1438].
  - 4. On January 30, 2008, the Court held a telephone hearing on Defendants' first Motion to Expand. In consideration for the burden that would be placed upon the Defendants if they were required to respond to Plaintiffs' Motion to Expand the Discovery Period while preparing for the Preliminary Injunction hearing, the Court issued an Order on February 1, 2008, granting Defendants' Opposed Motion, permitting Defendants to file their Response to the State's Motion [Dkt. #1418] by March 10, 2008 [Dkt. #1502].
  - 5. While the Defendants agree that this issue should be heard by the Court at an appropriate time, the circumstances which warranted this Court to grant an extension of the original response are no different than those which exist today. Since February 19, 2008, the Defendants have been participating in and preparing for the hearing State of Oklahoma's Motion for Preliminary Injunction, which was originally set to be completed by March 5, 2008. However, that hearing was postponed due to the illness of the Judge. It is anticipated that the Hearing will now conclude on or about March 12, 2008, which is two days beyond the date the Defendants' Response brief is due under the Court's February 1, 2008 Order.

- 6. Requiring the Defendants to respond to the State's Motion to Expand the Discovery Period (Dkt. # 1418) in light of the unscheduled delays in the hearing on Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Injunction would place an excessive burden upon the Defendants. It is due to this excessive burden that Defendants seek relief pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(1)(A). This rule "must be liberally construed in order that litigants be given opportunity to be heard and given their day in court so that justice may be served." *Anderson v. Stanco Sports Library, Inc.*, D.C.S.C. 1971, 52 F.R.D. 108 (1971).
- 7. Although the Parties have continued to engage in discussions to negotiate this matter without the Court's intervention, they have not yet come to an agreement.
- 8. Notwithstanding the Parties' negotiations, the Plaintiff does not agree to the requested extension for Defendants.
- 9. The undersigned counsel has been authorized to make this Motion to the Court on behalf of all Defendants.
- 10. In consideration of the issues identified above, the extension of time sought by Defendants is made in good faith and not for the purpose of delay. Counsel for Defendants need additional time in which to complete their review and investigation of Plaintiffs' Motion, confer with client representatives, and prepare and file their appropriate responses.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant Defendants' Unopposed Motion to Expand the Time to Respond to the State of Oklahoma's Motion to Expand the Discovery Period (Dkt. #1418) until March 21, 2008.

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